

MASSNET DIES FROM CANCER IN PARIS HOME

Composer of "Thais" and "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame" Was Seventy.

HAD A BRILLIANT CAREER

His Music Influenced by Beauties of Italy and Tragedies of France.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Following a long illness from cancer, Julien Emile Frederic Massenet, the composer, died at 70. His death, however, was unexpected.

Julien Emile Frederic Massenet was born at St. Etienne on May 12, 1842. His father served in the army, and later became an ironmaster. When the boy was 6 the family had moved to Paris. His mother gave him his first music lesson. While they were at the piano, as the composer described it in after years, they were interrupted by shooting in the streets, which continued for six hours. The French Revolution had begun.

Three years later Massenet was admitted to the piano classes of the Imperial Conservatory of Music. At the end of a year his father's health was such that the family left Paris, but it was not long before Massenet's parents consented to his return to the conservatory. When he was 21 he won the Prix de Rome and went to the Eternal City, where he remained two years, living at the Villa Medici. Of those two years he always spoke most enthusiastically. It was a new life for him, he said, and he became more than a musician, he became an interpreter of true emotion.

When he returned to Paris, in 1867, he married one of Liszt's pupils. Through the influence of Ambrose Thomas "La Grand Tante" was produced at the Grand Comite. It was apparent then that Massenet was a skilled musician. "Don Cesar de Bazan" was produced in 1872, and five years later Massenet had his first operatic success, "Le Roi de Lahore." Halanzier, then a director of the opera, met him on the boulevard. Halanzier had heard "Marie Madeleine" and "Eve," and he asked Massenet to write an opera. "I have a complete opera in my drawer at home," Massenet said. The opera was "Le Roi de Lahore." After that Massenet wrote "Hérodiade," "Manon," "Le Cid," "Bacchante," "Le Magi," "Werther," "Thais," "Le Portrait de Manon," "La Navarraise," "Sapho," "Cendrillon," "Griseleide," "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame," "Cherubin," "Arlene," "Therese," "Bacchante" and "Don Quichotte."

When "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame" was produced by Oscar Hammerstein at the Manhattan Opera House, with Mary Garden, there was a good deal of comment on Massenet's name being known in this country to many persons who had never heard of him. Massenet originally had written the opera without a female part. It was produced in Paris with success, but when the score was changed for Mary Garden, who played "Jean the Juggler," there was some criticism from Paris critics.

Massenet also wrote several orchestral pieces. He was said to be a wealthy man.

DR. HORACE HOWARD FURNESS.

Shakespearean Scholar Dies Suddenly Near Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Aug. 13.—Dr. Horace Howard Furness, regarded as one of the foremost Shakespearean scholars of the century, died at 6 o'clock to-night of pneumonia at his home, Lindenshade, at Wallingford, Delaware county, just on the outskirts of Philadelphia.

The scholar was taken ill with a hacking cough only yesterday morning. Owing to his 73 years his immediate family insisted that he go to bed. He expired tonight while he was sleeping. The members of his family had been fearing that he was dangerously ill.

When the end came Dr. Furness was alone. He apparently had gone peacefully to sleep and members of the household were for a moment at a loss as to the cause of his death. The death was discovered when his son, Dr. Horace Howard Furness, Jr., went to the apartment to see how his father was progressing. He found him lying on the floor. Dr. Furness, Jr., had been living with his father in Philadelphia in 1872, the son of the Rev. Dr. Horace Howard Furness, both of old distinguished families. He was admitted to the bar in 1875, but having suffered from a nervous breakdown he gave up his entire life to the study of Shakespeare.

In 1877 Dr. Furness published his first edition of Shakespeare and he has been doing it continually, having published editions of the Shakespeare plays in 1890, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, 2032, 2034, 2036, 2038, 2040, 2042, 2044, 2046, 2048, 2050, 2052, 2054, 2056, 2058, 2060, 2062, 2064, 2066, 2068, 2070, 2072, 2074, 2076, 2078, 2080, 2082, 2084, 2086, 2088, 2090, 2092, 2094, 2096, 2098, 2100, 2102, 2104, 2106, 2108, 2110, 2112, 2114, 2116, 2118, 2120, 2122, 2124, 2126, 2128, 2130, 2132, 2134, 2136, 2138, 2140, 2142, 2144, 2146, 2148, 2150, 2152, 2154, 2156, 2158, 2160, 2162, 2164, 2166, 2168, 2170, 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